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TAGS: PFOR, HU, GU

SUBJ: GOH REACTION TO BRANDT RESIGNATION

1. PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG CARRIED MAY 7 EDITOIAL  
ATTRIBUTING RESIGNATION TO INTERNAL PRESSURE FROM  
"EXTREME RIGHT WING". ARTICLE CHARGED THT "EXTREME  
RIGHT" HAD USED PRETEXT OF INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT  
IN ORDER TO ATTACK BRANDT AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, NOW  
SDP POSITION MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION OF  
"MOST CONSERVATIVE CIRCLES OF BIG CAPITAL WITHIN  
GOVERNMENT".

2. HUNGARIANS CHARGED THAT "SPY HYSTERIA OF UN-  
PRECEDENTED PROPORTIONS WAS UNLEASHED BY EXTREME  
RIGHT". "ARREST OF OFFICIAL INBONN CHANCERY CHARGED  
WITH COLLABORATING WITH GDR INTELLIGENCE" ALSO USED  
AS PRETEXT FOR ATTACKING BRANDT. ARTICLE CONTINUED  
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THAT "AT SAME TIME IT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY OBVIOUS

SINCE FIRST HOURS OF ARREST THAT POLITICAL POLICE OF FRG, NOTORIOUS GHELEN ORGANIZATION, CERTAIN CIRCLES OF FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, ARE IN CAHOOTS WITH RIGHTIST OPPOSITION, AND HAVE BEEN OPENLY SPREADING SUSPICION ABOUT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF BRANDT GOVERNMENT".

3. MAGYAR HIRLAP SAME DAY CHARGED "GERMAN RIGHTISTS" WITH HAVING ENGINEERED BRANDT'S DOWNFALL. ARTICLE ENDED, HOWEVER, WITH HOPEFUL STATEMENT THAT "WE KNOW WHATEVER MIGHT COME WILL NOT CHANGE MAIN TREND OF WEST GERMAN POLICY, SINCE NO WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT CAN FAIL TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL BALANCE OF POWER AND HISTORICAL POTENTIALITIES".

4. GOH, WHICH RECENTLY ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FRG, OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF BRANDT RESIGNATION AND EFFECT ON OST POLITIK. (AT US ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION MAY 8, HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS ANXIOUSLY QUESTIONED EMBASSY OFFICERS ABOUT EFFECT OF BRANDT RESIGNATION ON FRG EAST EUROPEAN POLICY.) HUNGARIAN PRESS HAD RECENTLY STRESSED DESIRE TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH SDP AND HAS EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO STATE THAT "GERMAN QUESTION HAS BEEN SOLVED". NEPSZABADSAG NOW USING TACTIC OF PUBLICLY ATTRIBUTING BRANDT'S PROBLEMS TO INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, WHILE AT SAME TIME AVOIDING SPECIFIC COMMENT ON FUTURE OF DETENTE. MAGYAR HIRLAP, WHILE EXPRESSING PIOUS BELIEF THAT NOTHING WILL "CHANGE MAIN TREND OF WEST GERMAN POLICY", ALSO AVOIDS PROGNOSIS ON LARGER ISSUE OF FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE.  
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